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Grover Street
Dec^r 13.

My dear Sir -

A friend of mine has sent
me a newspaper (the Tyne Mercury)
containing a very impudent & foolish
libel upon me signed "J H H Holmes"
- stating amongst other things that
I did not mention Dr Clanny or
his lamp in my paper read
before the Royal Society: - Which
is false: for I mentioned his
lamp as a very ingenious contrivance
& named him amongst the gentlemen
who obligingly gave me information
on the subject. -

- I wish to recollect for me to
point out to you that my
lamp has no ac principle
belonging to Dr Clanny's - the forces
in his air through water by
a bellows. - In mine the air
passes through safety valves
without any mechanical assistance;
- mine is a common lantern
made close & furnished with
safety valves. -

- I hope I shall not hear
that Dr Clanny has in any
way authorized or permitted
to impudently & falsely a
statement as that in the
Dye Review. - Indeed I do not

think it possible. —

— Pray have the goodness
to let me know who Mr. J
H H Holmes is. He appears
to be a proper person to
receive advice from his
Majesty's Attorney General. &
I shall consult my Solicitor
as to the libelous nature
of certain of his expressions.

— I have at last got a
complete model of my lamp.

— I have been disappointed by
the instrument maker; but I
hope in a few days to send
you a safe lantern as per talk

as a candle in a lantern & the
perfect security of which is
demonstrable.

I am my dear Sir
Yours sincerely
H. Davy



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